

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are presented for examination in this application, and have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, in terms which distinguish over the art of record. Claims 1, 7, 9 and 10 are independent.

While the Office Action contains both statements that the Action is final and that it is non-final, Applicant notes that the ground on which the Amendment after Final Action was denied entry precludes this Action being properly made final, and therefore understands that the Action was intended to be, and is, non-final.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,046,820 (Konishi), and Claims 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from *Konishi '820* in view of U.S. Patent 5,950,036 (Konishi).

The subject matter that is being claimed has been thoroughly discussed previously, as have the two patents being relied upon in the Office Action, and it is not believed to be necessary to repeat that discussion. Applicant notes that among other important features of Claim 1, is the step of updating density correction data corresponding to other output apparatus according to a revision of the output characteristics data of a reference output apparatus.

Applicant submits that even if *Konishi '820* discloses printer calibration in a system composed of a computer and a printer (Fig. 1), and also that the system shown in Fig. 1 can be expanded to a system composed of plural devices (column 7, lines 44-47), nothing in that patent would teach or suggest that the data to be updated is density

correction data. For at least that reason, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable over *Konishi* '820. Since each of the other independent claims also recites such feature, or structure which carries out such updating, those claims also are believed to be clearly allowable over that patent.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

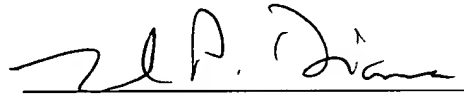
The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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